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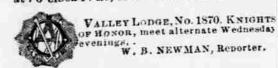
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As pleased as ass with thistle; Said he at least they'll fill a pipe, Or maybe wet our whistle.

The rags were sold and reach'd the mill, And were in time converted Into some sheets of paper white, And it has been asserted

Those very leaves, with sterling truth, The world made pure and better: And one of them the workman's heart Reached in a touchirg letter.

So from a dirty heap of rags, D cayed with age and yellow, Came the best message of a life, To this once thoughtless fellow. For like those rags, he soon became Changed, purified and brightened: And ceased to worship pipe and jug, As he became enlightened.

DULL TIMES IN ILLINOIS. Plenty of Snow.

sketch of Iron county, the birth-place have thought he had grievance. If ant memories. Many times have I hours to twelve-with an even chance leaving it. I supposed that if one got veins, he would have thought he had back where free schools had been long-er established the children would have The Christian Union is probably the better chances for an education; but let me say for the benefit of others, who may like myself be thinking more of may like myself be thinking more of by men of intelligence and education, their children's future than of their own But we venture to believe that Puck, mmediate pleasure or advantage, that land is nearly all arable as it is here, they will find themselves too well fened in, the schools too much in the hands of penurious directors, and the world has a better right to assert that Here too rent is high, and it is hard to get a home; and most of those who send to school have not time to attend to their children, as the drudgery they are compelled to undergo unfits them either for self-improvement or the improvement of others. It is elevating and honorable to work for a living but and honorable to work for a living but ever had a harder struggle for success. anything like a close observeor cannot long live in this land of free-schools without realizing how dishonorable of working-men. Save for a comparational labeling it is to live to work

the thermometer has marked no great We have lost quite a number from

Low prices for farm produce, accumulated interest upon mortgaged lands, and other debts, have forced wages so became a matter of necessity rather than choice to move even at the risk the fire, and more are watching impatiently to get away.

Our legislature is now grinding but we are not likely to get much out of the grievances of the workingman. this law-mill. Most of its members are Let us give things their right names, men who frankly acknowledge that they have paid but little attention to work. Will our excellent friend take political or social science. Several are personal friends of your correspondent, and others he has met and interview. and others he has met_and interviewed, but not one that he knows of can be looked to with any hope of proposing heads by pure folly and wrong-doing? a reasonable solution of the questions You speak of the "nearly million"men that are now pressing for an answer. who were thrown out of employment last year. Do you remember how many a year since corn pens were as road the reason for stopping the busifew and as low. Wheat is now going ness of the country, and sending hunthe yield was below the average, farm- We say again, as we have often said ers have held it back for higher prices, ermental, that oppress the workinging it to market while the roads are good. People who have been reared in Iron county know something about ing, if he can. Every year our roads 1st; Irondale, Feb. 2d; Potosi, Feb. 3d; are improved by ditching, draining Farmington, Feb. 4th; Cape Girardeau, in proportion to population, and such | A Pretty Good Pair of Men's Boots for an absence of rock, gravel, or other \$1.85 at D. F. Reese's.

good road making material, that it will still be a long time, at the present rate of improvement, before we can hope for really good roads the year round. The prospect here would be dull in-

deed were it not for the fact that social questions are receiving more and more attention among farmers and working people generally, and sometime in the near future somebody will show as sterling qualities as legislators as Gresham has as a judge. Your writer served in the same brigade with Gresham, knew him well, and is not surprised that he has shown himself a man. Scott county, Ill., Jan. 10, 1887.

Something for Workingmen to Con-

The Christian Union of December 30th prints an address to Puck, in which we are called to account, in a friendly way, for expressing our natur-El doubts of the existence of the inde-final "grievance" from which Mr. Chauncey Depew thinks the American workingman is suffering. Our esteemed contemporary recounts the suffering of the poor, the sick and the hungry,

"If prosperous Puck, who looks well fed and jolly, as he deserves to be, and who illustrates in his own person the adage, laugh ond grow fat—if prosperous Puck had been one of the nearly million work-people who were thrown out of employment in 1886 and locked up in what Carlyle calls an 'English-man's hell'—edforced idleness; if, while the guant faces of hungry wife and I acknowledge with pleasure the re- children appealed to him, he had ceipt of the REGISTER ALMANAC, and chance to earn their daily bread and shall value it because it contains a found all closed against him, he would resident of Iron county for less than a decade it was the scene of many pleasdecade it was the scene of many pleasdid until the strikes of 1886 reduced the felt disappointed in my main object in that at the end of two years he would

when they go to older settled portions character, of the needs, and of the of the country and especially where es. We do not wish to enter into the first and highest qualification of teach- all the men connected with it-pubers of country schools is their willing-ness to accept low wages; so that the term, working-men. Not one of best professional talent is driven away. them has attained to whatever meas-

and debasing it is to live to work.

Slowly but severely a few solid truths are forcing themselves on parents and country. It is safe to say that uncounted thousands of American citizens counted thousands of American citizens the more thoughtful among the young begin life with no better start than was so that in a few years our education given to the German laborer in the my educate and to a better purpose brewery, or to the Irish driver on the horse-car platform. All over the land thousands of men and women, who have begun the world without a cent, We have hardly had one good soak- are winning their way with patient toll ing rain for more than a year. The and trouble, pretending to no grievearly part of our winter was unusually joining in no boycotts, riots or other fine and dry; but since Christmas we forms of violence, tand yet working have been under snow and still snow- with reasonable hope of success. ing with steady cold weather, though Among them are clerks, salesmen, lawyers, doctors, artists, writers, teachers, farmers, farm-laborers, coachmen, degree of cold, with the exception of domestic servants of all sorts, clergyone morning when it stood, here, at 23 men nurses and-there is no end to the list. They out-number the people who call themselves workingmen at least five to one. They have no grievthis county by emigration in the last ance. They have no complaint to make few months most of them going west. against law or against society. That complaint comes solely from a part of

And what is the complaint? The Christipn Union prints a long statelow and made business so bad that it ment of sufferings endured by working people, and asks us to look upon them with pity. We do. We deplore them as sincerely as does the Christian Uuof jumping out of the frying pan into ion, and we know them better, perhaps, than the Christian Union can. But we can sympathize and yet keep our are, they are the griefs of the poor, not or Law? How many of these miseries have been brought upon the sufferers' to market lively in sleds, for, though dreds of men to the jail and workhouse?

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